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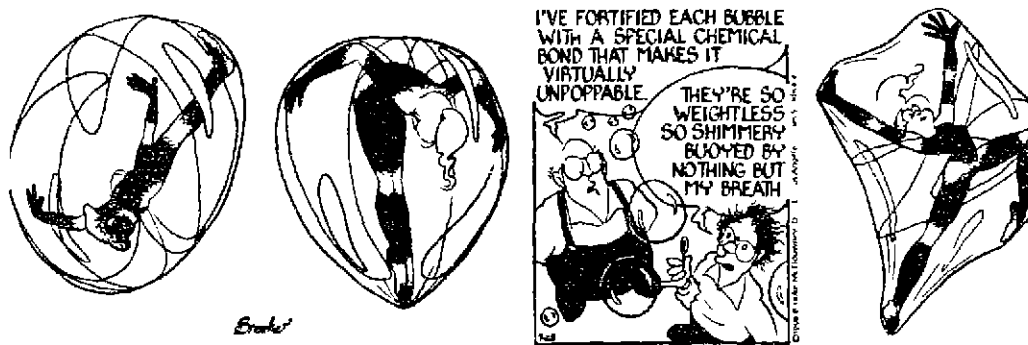
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



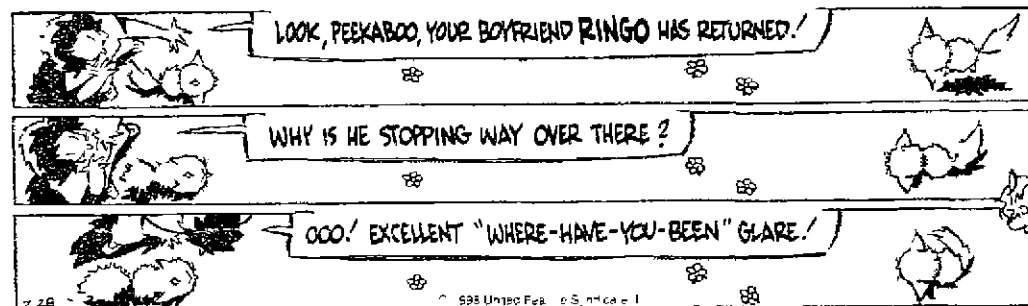
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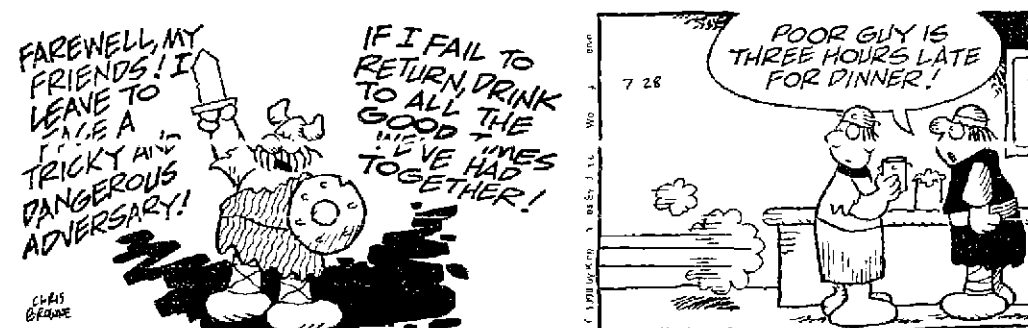
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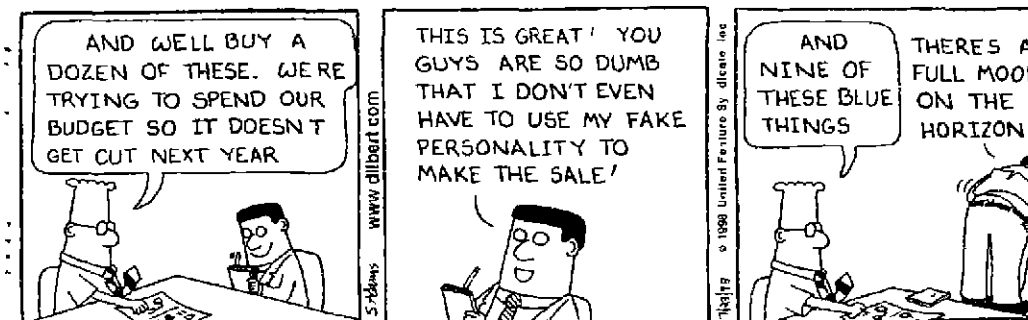
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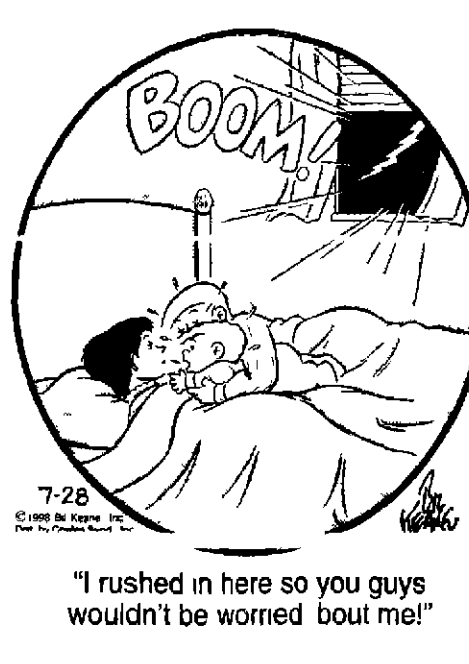
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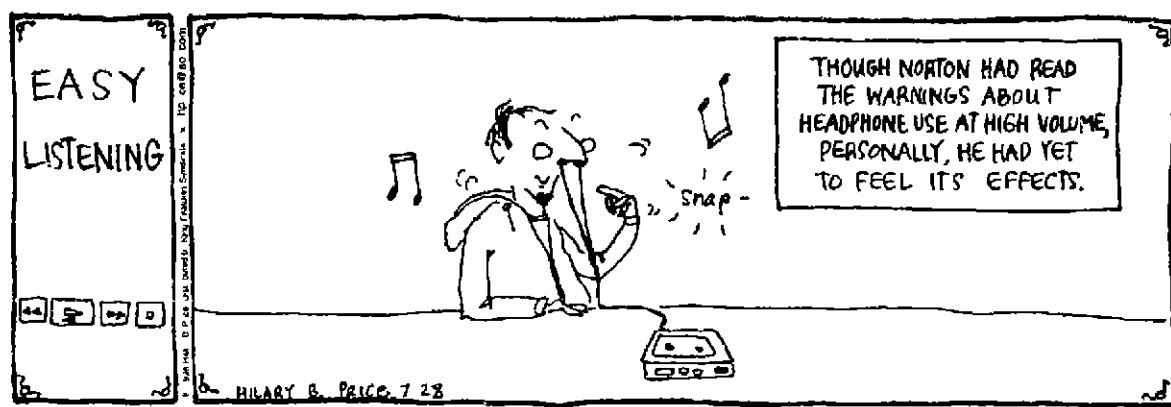
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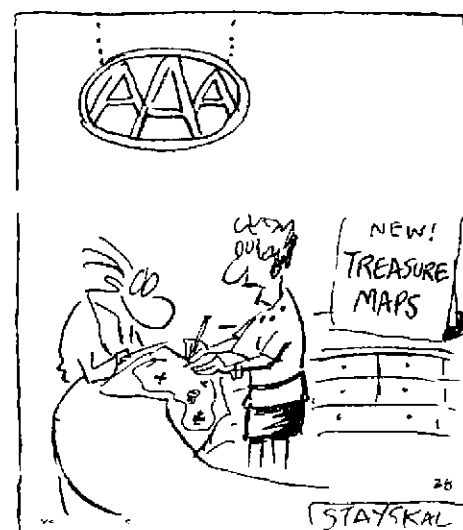
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"At the skull-shaped rock walk 40 paces
That's where the gold is buried"

Today's Birthdays

"Polka king"
Frankie Yankovic is 83
Movie director Andrew V. McLaglen is 78
Actor Darrel Hick-

... president of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, is 60
Former Sen Bill Bradley, D-NJ is 55
Garfield's creator Jim Davis is 53
Rock musician Rick Wright (Pink Floyd) is 53
Singer Jonathan Edwards is 52
Actress Linda Kestev is 52
Actress Sally Struthers is 50
Actress Georgia Engel is 50
Actor Michael Hayden is 35

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 145-155

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 x 7 grid and use the letters to form words. Each letter has a point value. Words must be at least 4 letters long. Words must be in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster and C.S.W. Official Scrabble Words (Chamber's)). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 7/28/98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

War-

J U O B N I G D Z W T O N K H
D A X O U R P M J G D A X V S
Q N K N I F D A X V T O O M J
H F C N A Y W U R E P N L J H
F D B E Z X V T R P D Q O M K
I H N T G F D B Z S I I Y W V
T O R Q N E O N L E E H R T Y
Z K I H C I L F D M C M S B A
Z X D N O B A L W I H E A D V
U S A Y T R A P O R H B R G O
O D R O L E N I H C A M N M K

Monday's unlisted clue: MATADOR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: THE GROOM'S PARTNER

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today we kibitz three East players defending against the same no-trump game. First we note how an inexperienced player might defend. Next we see a defender who thinks constructively if not thoroughly. And last we see how and why a master player finds the best play. West leads the spade five to East's jack and South correctly refuses to win his ace. East continues with his queen and South ducks again. Unwilling to change a good thing, East persists with a third spade and South loses only the diamond finesse making game with an overtrick. A more experienced player recognizes the utility of leading a third spade. He sees 21 HCP in his hand and dummy and he knows South has the A-10 of spades (South's response to Stayman). With West having no possible entry, East shifts to the club king, holding South to nine tricks. But it doesn't get the job done. The master player also switches to clubs at trick three, but he doesn't lead the king. Instead, he leads a low club. This beats the game if West has J x (leading the king blocks the suit) and offers a great chance when West has the 10. After East leads a low club, South is most likely to insert his nine (best). This loses to West's 10 and a club return establishes a second club winner for East. And when the diamond finesse loses to East, he cashes a well-earned setting trick.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No 0616

ACROSS

1 Carpenter's gadget
9 XXXI times V
13 Express again
14 China's Chou En
15 Capital NW of Twin Falls
16 With 58-Across a classic line associated with 47-Across
19 Ethel Waters's "Blue"
20 Concert equipment
21 Apprehensively
22 Oscar-winning actor in 47-Across

DOWN

26 Hope is here
27 Automobile precursor
28 "Indubitably"
31 Coeur d'Idaho
34 "Your Erroneous Zones" author Wayne
35 I B M, e.g.
36 Kind of wagon
38 Section of Queens, N.Y.
40 Yard tool
41 Like out of hell
43 Church cnes
44 Wks and wks
45 Baby blossom
46 We the World
47 Oscar-winning film
53 Inflationary path

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

GASP ELVIS PECK
ITTO COINS EVAN
JOINTOWNER NERO
OMEGA MED SHREW
ESS LEADINTO
CORN BEELINE
OCTANE BLEND SIN
TORN CREED EINE
TOO OFTEN LORNES
OLDPROS WESS

DOWN

1 "Iliad" king
2 Auxiliary proposition
3 Name on many planes
4 Steam'd
5 "Ciao!"
6 What clematis plants do
7 Slippery one
8 Rome's Appia or Veneto
9 Like some B way performances
10 Biography
11 On the main
12 München mister
13 Link
17 Bit of yam
18 Frisco gnadders
22 Arm of a knight-in-arms
24 Snack that's bitten or licked
25 Corroded
26 Time long past
27 Leprechaun's land
28 Get well spots
29 Out of whack
30 Out of whack
32 Lumenck maker

ACROSS

55 Inlet
57 Lyric poem
58 See 16-Across
62 Seal fur trader
63 Boeing 737 e.g.
64 Window parts
65 Pioneer's heading
66 Hit show sign
67 Confuse

DOWN

33 Lodge fellows
34 Fix a computer program
35 Doomsday cause, maybe
37 Old phone company sobriquet
38 Skater Lipinski
42 Embellisher
43 Many miles away
44 Noddy
45 "monde" (society)
46 "Same here"
49 Keep after

ACROSS

51 Eponym for failure
52 Dodger Hall-of-Famer
53 "Pygmalion" writer
54 Soccer superstar
55 Boardwalk refreshments
56 Spinners spinners?
57 Pollution stds setter
58 Tattoos currently

ACROSS

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